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SUBJECT: MUSINGS ON AMBASSADOR ZELLI

REF: TEHRAN 6281

1. DURING HIS NEARLY FIVE YEARS IN ISLAMABAD, MANOUTCHEHR ZELLI WAS HIGHLY INFLUENTIAL, WIDELY DISLIKED IN THE MFA AND HELPFUL TO OUR EMBASSY AND OUR INTERESTS. THE AMBASSADOR CLOSELY GUARDED THE SHAH'S AND IRAN'S INTERESTS. HE WAS QUICK TO LODGE FORMAL PROTESTS WHEN THE WORDS "ARABIAN GULF" APPEARED IN OBSCURE PAKISTANI PUBLICATIONS. HIS INFLUENCE GREW AS IRAN'S IMPORTANCE, AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, TO PAKISTAN INCREASED. BY THE END OF HIS TOUR, ZELLI HAD IMMEDIATE ACCESS TO ANYONE IN THE GOP UP TO AND INCLUDING PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO.

2. ZELLI WORE HIS IMPORTANCE EASILY. HE WAS GENERALLY DISLIKED THROUGHOUT THE MFA FOR SOME OF HIS CHARACTERISTICS WHICH PAKISTANIS THINK TYPIFY PERSIANS - ARROGANT, ELITIST, SCORNFUL, SANCTIMONIOUS AND EFFETE. HIS LOYALTY TO THE SHAH WAS EVIDENT AND UNQUESTIONED, AND HIS DETRACTORS IN THE MFA THOUGHT HE ACTED MORE AS A SASSANIAN PROCONSUL THAN A MODERN DAY AMBASSADOR.

3. ZELLI WAS ALSO OFTEN HELPFUL TO OUR EMBASSY AND SUPPORTIVE OF AMERICAN INTERESTS. HE WILLINGLY SHARED WITH US INFORMATION FROM
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HIS TALKS WITH BHUTTO, AND, REFLECTING THE SHAH'S VIEW, DID NOT HESITATE TO TELL BHUTTO HE THOUGHT THE ANTI-AMERICAN CAMPAIGN WAS ILL-ADVISED AND COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE.

4. THE ZELLIS WERE IN GREAT DEMAND IN THE ISLAMABAD SOCIAL CIRCUIT AND SEEMED TO ENJOY ENTERTAINING AND BEING ENTERTAINED.
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